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SUBJECT: PRESS REPORTS OF TURKISH PLANS FOR PETROLEUM

PROSPECTING IN THE AEGEAN

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1. NOVEMBER 1 TURKISH PRESS CARRIES ANNOUNCEMENT BY MINISTER OF ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES, KAMRAN INAN, THAT THE TURKISH SEISMIC RESEARCH SHIP SISMİK-1 (HORA) HAS LEFT FOR THE AEGEAN SEA FOR THOROUGH REINVESTIGATION OF THREE UNDISCLOSED SITES WHICH, ACCORDING TO ANALYSIS OF EARLIER SOUNDINGS, ARE CONSIDERED PARTICULARLY HOPEFUL AS POSSIBLE SITES OF PETROLEUM DEPOSITS.

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2. IT WAS NOT APPARENT FROM THE ARTICLES WHETHER THE THREE SITES ARE AMONG THE LOCATIONS (ALL WITHIN TURKISH TERRITOIAL WATERS), WHICH WERE DESIGNATED IN SEPTEMBER (,REFTEL)AS

LOCATIONS FOR FUTURE PETROLEUM DRILLING BY THE TURKISH PETROLEUM CORPORATION (TPAO).

3. RIZA TURMEN, MFA SECTION CHIEF IN CHARGE OF LOS AND
AEGEAN MATTERS, SAID IN RESPONSE TO EMBASSY INQUIRY THAT,
WHILE HE KNEW NOTHING OF THE SISMİK'S LATEST PLANS BEYOND
WHAT HE HAS READ IN THE PRESS, HE WAS SURE THAT GOT HAS NOT
REPEATED NOT CHANGED ITS POLICY OF CONFINING ALL PETROLEUM
EXPLORATION TO TURKISH TERRITORIAL WATERS. TURMEN SAID THAT
HE WOULD ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION THAT THIS
POLICY STILL HOLDS.

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